

Design and Historic Review Commission Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2023

A meeting of the City of Yuma Design and Historic Review Commission was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at City Hall Council Chambers, One City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona.

DESIGN AND HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS present included Chairman Tom Rushin, Vice Chairman James Sheldahl and Commissioners Amanda Coltman, Chris Hamel and Sandra Anthony. Commissioners William Moody and Juan Leal-Rubio were absent

STAFF MEMBERS present included Alyssa Linville, Director of Planning and Neighborhood Services; Jennifer Albers, Principal Planner; Robert Blevins, Principal Planner; Amelia Domby, Senior Planner; Erika Peterson, Associate Planner; Zenia Fiveash, Assistant Planner; Guillermo Moreno-Nunez, Assistant Planner; Alejandro Marquez, Administrative Specialist.

Chairman Tom Rushin called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m., and noted there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 8, 2023

Motion by Vice-Chairman James Sheldahl, second by Commissioner Chris Hamel to APPROVE the minutes of February 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously (5-0) with two absent.

ITEMS REQUIRING RATIFICATION

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Motion by Vice-Chairman James Sheldahl, second by Commissioner Chris Hamel to APPROVE the ratification of the Election of Vice-Chairman on February 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously (5-0) with two absent.

ITEMS REQUIRING COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DHRC-41128-2023: *This is a request by Jodi and Daren Beck, for historic review of new additions to an existing dwelling and a new carport in the Century Heights Conservancy Residential Historic District. The property is located at 795 S. 1st Avenue, Yuma, AZ.*

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

Commissioner Chris Hamel commented that he was in favor of the proposed project, and that the color scheme would match the existing homes in the area.

Commissioner Amanda Coltman agreed.

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Jody Beck, 795 S. 1st. Avenue (via Zoom) asked if the Commission would approve a change to the color of paint that would be used on the home to off-white rather than the color previously agreed upon.

Chairman Tom Rushin deferred the request to staff. **Blevins** commented that the off-white color would not affect the historical appeal of the neighborhood. **Commissioner Hamel** asked if the applicant was only going to change the color of the house. **Beck** answered yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Commissioner Chris Hamel, second by Commissioner Sandra Anthony, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-41128-2023 as amended, to include the modified paint color of off-white, as it would not interfere with the historical significance of the neighborhood. Motion carried unanimously (5-0) with two absent.

DHRC-41120-2023: *This is a request by Dahl, Robins & Associates, Inc., on behalf of Yuma Land Company, LLC for aesthetic review of a new Extended Stay America Hotel in the General Commercial/Aesthetic Overlay (B-2/AO) District. The property is located at 550 S. Rio Vista Drive, Yuma, AZ.*

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

Commissioner Chris Hamel commented that he was looking forward to the completion of the proposed project.

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Ron Brown, on behalf of Extended Stay America Hotel (via Zoom), was available for questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Commissioner Chris Hamel, second by Commissioner Sandra Anthony, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-41120-2023 as presented. Motion carried, (5-0) with two absent.

DHRC-41179-2023: *This is a request by Swaim Associates, LTD., on behalf of EHC Yuma Phase 2 Limited Partnership, for aesthetic review of a new Exceptional Health Care Ambulatory Surgical Center, in the General Commercial/Aesthetic Overlay (B-2/AO) District. The property is located at 6325 E. 26th Street, Yuma, AZ.*

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

Commissioner Chris Hamel commented that he was in favor of the overall design of the proposed project.

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Mark Bollard, 7350 E. Speedway, Tucson AZ, 85710 (via Zoom), was available for questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Commissioner Sandra Anthony, second by Vice-Chairman James Sheldahl, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-41179-2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0) with two absent.

DHRC-41182-2023: This is a request by Thompson Design Architects PC, on behalf of Hardknocks LLC, for aesthetic review of a new multi-tenant building in the General Commercial/Aesthetic Overlay (B-2/AO) District. The property is located at 1893 E. 16th Street, Yuma, AZ.

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner summarized the staff report and recommended **APPROVAL**.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

None

APPLICANT / APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Christopher Thompson, 675 W. 16th Street, Yuma AZ, was present and available for questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion by Commissioner Amanda Coltman, second by Commissioner Sandra Anthony, to APPROVE Case Number DHRC-41182-2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0) with two absent.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner, gave a presentation regarding "Signs in the Aesthetic Overlay"

INFORMATION ITEMS

Staff

None

Administrative Approvals

None

National Heritage Area

None

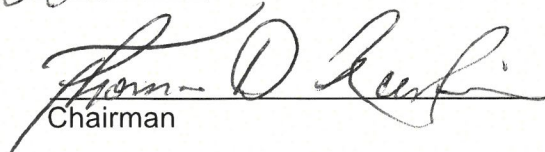
Commission

Vice-Chairman James Sheldahl asked if there was any information about the reconstruction of the Hodges house. **Blevins** replied that there was a Pre-Development meeting scheduled to further discuss the proposed project.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes approved this 17 day of April, 2023.


Chairman